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APPLICANT : Littman et al.
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FOR : METHOD OF IDENTIFYING G-COUPLED RECEPTORS
ASSOCIATED WITH MACROPHAGE-TROPHIC HIV, AND
DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC USES THEREOF

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) was filed in the present application on December 14, 2005. Applicants' agent of record, Veronica Mallon, requested a telephonic interview with Examiner Bao Q. Li and Examiner James Housel to discuss the claims under consideration. Such an interview was held on February 28, 2006. In that interview, Applicants' representative Veronica Mallon and Applicant, Dr. Dan Littman discussed the claims as currently pending and the differences between the claimed invention and the art cited in the previous rejection. Examiner Housel suggested that Applicants could differentiate over the cited references if the claim language was amended to reflect that Applicants' methods incorporate the step of measuring the fusion

of the macrophage-tropic virus HIV to the target cell using specific methods as described in the present application.

A Non-Final Office Action was then mailed on March 14, 2006, for which a response was due on June 14, 2006. The claims were amended as suggested by Examiner Housel and forwarded to Examiner Bao Q. Li on April 13, 2006.

Applicants' agent of record, Veronica Mallon, then called Examiner Bao Q. Li on June 9, 2006 to ask if the Examiner had received and reviewed the amended claims forwarded previously by facsimile. Examiner Li returned Dr. Mallon's telephone call on June 12, 2006 and suggested mailing in the claims as amended and to clearly point out the support for the amended claims in the present application, as well as in the priority documents.

Fees

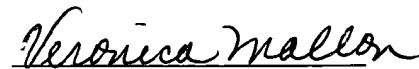
It is believed that no fees are necessary in connection with this submission. However, if any fees are due, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing discussion, Applicants' representative thanked the Examiner and noted that the amended claims would be submitted for consideration in the response to the Office Action, which would also include the support for the claim amendments from the present application and from the priority documents.

The claim amendments and support as noted above were submitted for consideration in a response to the Office Action, mailed on June 14, 2006.

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